GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:870
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2003
LOK ADALATS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to popularise the system of Lok Adalats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States where the Lok Adalats were organised during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the number of cases settled through these Adalats during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 has been amended through the Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Act, 2002 on 11.6.2002. Besides its original objectives of providing free and competent legal services to weaker section of the society and organizing Lok Adalats to provide for mechanism for pre-litigation, conciliation and settlement of cases, the Act now also allows setting up Permanent Lok Adalats for providing pre-litigative mechanism for consideration and settlement of cases relating to certain public utility services such as transport, postal, telegraph, power, water, sanitation, hospitals, etc. The State Legal Service Authorities are also popularising the system of Lok Adalats through public awareness programmes, advertisement in newspapers, etc.

(c) & (d) A statement showing number of Lok Adalats organised and number of cases settled during the last three years, is annexed.

Statement in reply to Parts(c) and (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.870 to be answered on 25.7.2003.

(Statement showing the number of Lok Adalats organized and cases settled during the last three years viz.2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03, based on the information furnished by the State Legal Services Authorities)

S.No.	Name of the State Authority	2000-01 Lok Adalats organized	Cases settled	2001-02 Lok Adalats organised	Cases settled	2002-03 Lok Adalats organised	Cases settled
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5,646	91,053	8,483	1,00,420	9,545	75,670
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	Assam	34	9,367	103	14,152	437	14,242
4.	Bihar	1,299	7,200	1,582	22,793	4,003	37,918
5.	Goa	75	540	61	460	8	333
6.	Gujarat	4,982	4,87,789	6,308	1,95,098	7,135	1,81,732
7	Haryana	161	37,281	222	41,900	61	12,717
8.	H.P.	421	3,908	425	3,157	343	2,383
9.	J&K	99	2,137	175	2,267	77	1,481
10.	Jharkhand#			56	13,109		
11.	Karnataka	511	31,909	811	45,457	733	18,372
12.	Kerala	2,354	27,531	1,895	11,514	527	7,463
13.	M.P.	1,583	44,334	1,739	38,533	1,432	26,626
14.	Maharashtra	1,113	27,357	1,477	30,185	897	19,356

15. Manipur 8 248 6 201 5 129
16. Meghalaya 3 465 7 1,021 2 483
17. Mizoram 37 40 47 30 38 43
18. Nagaland 1 23 1 61
19. Orissa 435 2,95,385 722 3,77,123 512 2,51,970
20. Punjab 512 30,786 472 38,248 141 10.084
21. Rajasthan 9,367 1,81,361 6,486 1,40,157 5,824 1,21,188
22. Sikkim 55 199 39 128 15 179
23. T. Nadu 1,015 10,020 1,745 12,155 3,409 8,629
24. Tripura Nil Nil 1 250 22 958
25. U.P. 1,313 3,39,469 1,363 3,45,698 1,047 2,41,897
26. Uttaranchal## Nil Nil Nil Nil 59 16,746
27. West Bengal 309 4,328 278 4,821 202 4,951
28. A&N Islands
29. Chandigarh All 10,960 All 7,073 7 3,164
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days days
30. Dadra & Nagar 2 707 2 258 - -
Haveli
31. Daman & Diu
32. Delhi 585 10,464 665 12,825 475 5,139
33. Lakshdweep
34. Pondicherry 5 369 6 270 4 226

Uttaranchal State Legal Services Authority started functioning from June, 2002 ##Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority started functioning from March, 2002